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MEMORANDUM FOR DOD MODELING AND SIMULATION WORKING GROUP (MSWG)
MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Minutes for the August 29, 1995, MSWG Meeting

The DoD MSWG met on August 29, 1995. CAPT Hollenbach, Director, Defense Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Office (DMSO), chaired the meeting. Attachment 1 identifies attendees. Meeting highlights follow:

- <u>DoD Executive Council for Modeling and Simulation (EXCIMS)</u>. The EXCIMS will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, in Pentagon Room 3D1019, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- Proposed Agenda for the September 13, 1995, EXCIMS Meeting. Two agenda items were proposed for the EXCIMS's September meeting: (1) the M&S Coordination Center Task Force Final Report; and, (2) proposed EXCIMS Functional Area Council Charters. The MSWG concurred with the proposed agenda.
- <u>Support for Commercial Seminars and Workshops</u>. CAPT Hollenbach suggested that the M&S community should exercise caution in supporting commercial workshops, especially those where the overall benefit to the Department of Defense may be questionable. Several members indicated that the General Counsel, DoD, had recommended non-support of some workshops.
- M&S Coordination Center (MSCC) Task Force (TF) Final Report. Col Verbeck, J-7, Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC), MSCC TF Chair, briefed the MSWG on an operational concept for the MSCC. His briefing, with adjustments based on MSWG input, will be the basis for the presentation to the EXCIMS. The TF believes that the MSCC will be a virtual organization with technical, operational, and training, analysis and acquisition expertise, capable of providing both direct and general support to operational M&S users. The TF recommends that the MSCC be tested as a prototype for a year. Initial focus would be on training and military operations, with emphasis on key joint and Service exercises. The prototype MSCC would operate under the J-7, JWFC, and would use contractor personnel to provide necessary services. The MSCC TF recommends that \$2.5 million be used to implement a prototype in FY 1996.

MSWG members identified several issues, including: questions regarding the relationship of the M&S Resource Repository (MSRR), Information Analysis Center (IAC), and MSCC; concern that the MSCC is insufficiently focused on analysis and acquisition; who would constitute authorized/legal users; and questions over the organizational placement and/or "ownership" of the MSCC, and appropriate name that more accurately reflects the MSCC's functions. CAPT Hollenbach stated that the MSCC is for operational support and that the MSRR, IAC, and MSCC will eventually become part of a common organization, yet to be defined. The MSWG concurred in allowing the MSCC TF to report to the EXCIMS.

 Enhanced Executive Council for Modeling and Simulation (EXCIMS) Management Structure: Functional Area Councils. Hollenbach reviewed the concept and possible functions of the executive level Councils (i.e., Senior Executive Service civilian and Flag/General Officer membership) which would allow the EXCIMS additional oversight of the Training, Analysis, and Acquisition functional areas. This was a follow-on to Dr. Jones' tasking at the June 29, 1995 EXCIMS meeting to consider re-structure of the EXCIMS. He reviewed EXCIMS members responses to a series of questions about the Functional Area Councils (Attachment 2 [see briefing slides 10 - 12]). He highlighted aspects of the draft Council charters (see Attachments 3-5), provided an overview of how the Councils might work, identified proposed Council membership, and the overall, modified EXCIMS structure. The MSWG was asked to consider a recommendation to the EXCIMS that the Councils be implemented on a one year trial basis. Following a wide ranging discussion of the concepts pros and cons the MSWG agreed to forward the Councils proposal to the EXCIMS.

M&S Terminology Task Force (MSTTF) Report and DoD M&S Glossary. The MSTTF has completed informal draft of a proposed DoD M&S Glossary that will help standardize M&S terminology in the Department. CAPT Hollenbach asked the MSWG to take an another review of the document and to provide recommended changes by the end of September. The goal is to begin formal coordination of the DoD M&S Glossary during October.

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Captain, USN
Director, Defense Modeling
and Simulation Office

As stated

Modeling & Simulation Working Group (MSWG) August 29, 1995 Meeting Attendance

Organization Attendees

CAPT Hollenbach * **DMSO** COL Wiedewitsch LtCol Bartlett Mr. Gajkowski Mr. Johnson ** OUSD (P&R) Mr. Burge ** ODTSEE LTC Hauck ** OASD(C3I) OASD(EcS) Not Present Not Present OASD(RA) Dr. Henningsen ** OD(PA&E) The Joint Staff Col Watson (J-7) ** Col Verbeck (J-7/JWFC) ** Mr. McGuire (J-8) ** Army COL Hardin ** Mr. Phillips ** Navy Col Stanfill ** Air Force Col Hanover ** Marine Corps Not Present ARPA BMDO Dr. Bravy DISA Not Present

> Mr. Jacober COL Johnson

Mr. Guenther **

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- MSWG Chair
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Attachment 1